

IRS SELECTS SENIOR INDUSTRY ADVISOR FOR NATURAL RESOURCES INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service announced today the appointment of Douglas (Doug) Berg as Senior Industry Advisor to the Natural Resources industry segment of the Large and Mid-Size Business (LMSB) division.

The Natural Resources industry segment of LMSB began operations in June 2000. It consists of about 17,400 taxpayers related to oil and gas, mining, forest products, chemical engineering, waste management and utilities.

As the Senior Industry Advisor, Berg has primary responsibility for providing policy-level technical analysis and advice to Natural Resources Industry Director Bobby Scott to support LMSB's goal of ensuring consistency of approach and equitable treatment of taxpayers.

"Doug will provide advice on a wide variety of industry issues including legislation, regulations, and other guidance," said Larry Langdon, Commissioner, LMSB.

Berg will also advise on internal training, industry technical issues related to compliance priorities and policies, return filing improvements and industry practice. He will be based in Houston, Texas

Berg joined the IRS in August 2000. Prior to his current executive assignment, Berg was head of Corporate Structuring & Finance Tax for BP Amoco PLC in London, U.K. He led a team of U.K. tax practitioners who were responsible for the tax planning of group structuring and group finance during the post-merger integration of the operations of Amoco, Arco, and Burmah Castrol. Prior to the BP Amoco merger, he was the Manager of Worldwide Consolidated Tax Planning for Amoco Corporation in Chicago, Illinois. Berg has also served as Manager of Tax Planning, Chemical Sector, for the Amoco Corporation. Prior to joining Amoco in 1982, Berg worked in the tax department at Brunswick Corporation and at Pricewaterhouse.

Berg is a Certified Public Accountant. He has a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Yale University and he studied taxation at DePaul University's Graduate School of Business.

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